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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West and Midwest, but lower in the East when compared to a week earlier. Retail and food service demand was fair to moderate and slightly improved in late week business. Best interest was still on other meat items as the Easter holiday nears. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. Floor stocks were reported as mostly balanced to occasionally long. In the parts structure, b/s breast and tenders were balanced to well cleared. Other parts were reported in a full range of balanced to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02-APR-2007 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	73.00-76.00	69.50-82.00	74.95	30
New York	73.00-76.00			
Los Angeles	84.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	76.00-78.00	73.00-85.00	77.27	91
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 77.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
891	74.20-81.00	76.57
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	202.50	1,149
BREASTS - B/S	163.50	5,108
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.00	1,164
THIGH MEAT - B/S	109.00	1,041
LEG QUARTERS	43.00	7,794
WINGS	135.00	2,465

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was generally steady in the West and Central region, but some softness was noted in the Eastern region. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. B/S breast and tenders were close balance to short. Small wings were about adequate, balance of items were generally adequate to available and sufficient for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend and was noted as fair to moderate. Offerings of lighter sizes were adequate to fully adequate; other sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins were well cleared to tight. The balance of items was adequate to about adequate.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majorities were unchanged. Early trading reported at mainly unchanged prices for next week's delivery. Offerings were adequate. Buying activity was moderate at best. Retailer demand was light to moderate, with best interest noted for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was steady to fully steady, with breast meat in the strongest position.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago market were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Trade interest was seasonally light as traditional Easter holiday items and movement remain the major focus. Retail and food service movement was noted as sluggish overall with some pockets of decent first of the month activity reported. Floor stocks generally in close balance; some indicated they were long due to slack demand; weights were desirable. Parts trade activity centered on boneless/skinless breasts and wings, but by most accounts was no better than fair; otherwise trade was hand to mouth. The market tone was mostly steady with boneless breast fully steady to firm and wings steady to barely steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds slightly increased and was moderate to fairly good as buyers anticipated additional consumer needs during the weekend and first of the month. Seller offerings ranged adequate to available to handle trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 76 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Breast and tenders were balanced to well cleared. Dark meat items were generally adequate to available.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	65-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	03/26/07 - 03/30/07
	03/27/06 - 03/31/06
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	03/26/07 - 03/30/07
	03/27/06 - 03/31/06
	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 30

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	615	149.00-221.00	-	157.49	610	153.00-226.00	-	158.61	3,075	156.30
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			263	174.00-245.00	182-187	193.49	974	189.08
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			440	103.80
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			290	96.66
LEGS	190	55.00-62.00	56-57	56.82	176	55.00-63.00	57	56.64	962	56.60
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	518	38.00-42.00	39-40	39.73	464	38.00-42.00	39-40	39.89	2,546	39.64
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	734	39.00-44.00	41-42	41.66	774	39.00-44.00	41-42	41.39	3,220	41.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	113.00-135.00	123-127	124.93	335	110.00-135.00	124-128	125.22	1,515	124.48
WINGS (CUT)	280	135.00-151.00	136-139	138.59	280	135.00-151.00	137-140	140.18	1,395	138.11
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			289	41.97
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			111	44.53
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			391	104.59

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAR 29, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
66.50 - 71.00	68.62	66.00 - 71.00	68.05	68.25

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest was moderate to moderately good entering the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins were well cleared and held with confidence. Bone-in breast, wings and most dark meat cuts were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for boneless skinless breasts and tenders; steady to at least steady for the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*				TRADING*				WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165-170		153.12	857,519	165-170		156.23	731,333	153.52	3,846,020
TENDERLOINS	185		177.87	200,520	185-190		181.42	154,120	177.79	799,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100		105.52	93,760	99-100		109.35	59,080	106.68	359,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	99		101.25	72,000	99		101.56	81,000	101.44	356,400
LEGS	56-57		57.11	196,600	56-57		56.89	280,960	55.98	1,244,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42		40.18	323,200	41-42		38.98	336,720	39.81	1,493,400
DRUMSTICKS	47-48		52.19	59,200	47-48		52.58	95,320	52.99	349,960
THIGHS	51-52		57.86	65,360	51-52		56.45	71,688	56.69	330,488
B/S THIGHS	110-111		107.72	145,120	110-111		111.68	86,720	109.65	484,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131		129.59	165,880	130-131		126.78	137,880	125.47	985,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		10.74	14,840	10-12		10.56	18,800	10.77	96,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		38.89	1,080	35-40		36.87	3,320	37.38	27,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45		40.02	16,280	40-45		40.40	26,800	43.63	105,720

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	03/30	03/29	03/28	03/27	03/28	03/27	03/23	03/21	
Alabama	3,921	3,903	3,130	3,657	5.54	5.36	3,418	5.45	
Arkansas	5,141	5,089	4,986	5,100	5.16	5.16	4,967	5.12	
Delmarva	2,212	2,179	1,990	2,028	5.66	5.92	2,186	5.72	
KY-LA-TN	1,816	2,362	2,288	2,376	4.95	5.15	2,611	5.19	
Mississippi	2,735	3,045	2,755	3,066	5.31	5.53	2,978	5.46	
North Carolina	2,990	2,744	2,675	2,632	6.95	6.98	2,849	6.72	
Texas	2,457	2,454	2,485	2,445	5.35	4.90	2,107	5.22	
Total	21,272	21,776	20,309	21,304	5.52	5.51	21,116	5.49	
Mon-Fri	107,447(A)						105,906(A)		
Saturday	782(included in total for date shown)						795		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Mar-07 and 31-Mar-07 is estimated to be 31,825,000 head up 0.44 percent from a week ago and down -4.41 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,687,000, last year 33,293,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 31-Mar-07 is estimated to be 158,450,000 head up 0.00 percent from a week ago, and down 2.08 percent from a year ago. (Last week 158,447,000, last year 161,822,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	110-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
DUCKS	ICE PACK	111-118
	ICE PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
	DRY PACK	185-195

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,
W/E 24-Mar-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
(Preliminary)	Thousands				
Head	42,389	74,451	28,438	13,169	158,447
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.38	6.98	8.23	5.45
% of total /1	27%	47%	18%	8%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	43,661	82,762	19,437	12,228	158,088
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.47	7.00	8.13	5.39
% of total /1	28%	52%	12%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	48,548	76,463	24,530	12,548	162,089
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.42	6.90	8.25	5.36
% of total /1	30%	47%	15%	8%	100%

To date/2007 510,850 983,021 238,765 141,467 1,874,103
 To date/2006 550,808 922,532 282,423 170,988 1,926,751

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 24-Mar-07	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
(Preliminary)	THOUSANDS				
Head	158,447	1,115	1,138	2,253	532
Avg Wt	5.45	3.38	8.14	5.78	6.44
Last week	158,088	1,223	1,220	2,443	535
Same wk yr ago	162,089	1,082	1,562	2,644	513
Avg Wt	5.36	3.41	8.11	6.19	6.65
To-date/2007	1,874,103	13,340	16,081	29,421	6,256
To-date/2006	1,926,751	14,597	17,219	31,816	6,064

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.4 million head, or 0.9 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEKENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
February 17	160.8	160.7	100%	5.40
24	161.2	162.0	100%	5.21
March 3	162.0	161.8	100%	5.37
10	163.3	162.0	101%	5.43
17	160.0	161.6	99%	5.39
24	160.4	161.3	99%	5.45
Year to date	1896.9	1920.2	99%	
March 31		161.1		
April 7		162.0		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	03/31/07	03/24/07	%CHG	04/01/06	%CHG
Broilers	158,450	158,447*	0.00	161,822*	-2.08
Cattle	620	640	-03	613*	+01
Hogs	2,097	2,106	0	1,983*	+06

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 26-Mar-2007
DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	155-159	161-165

MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	70.00-82.00	77.00-82.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72.00-86.00	74.00-84.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good with the upcoming Easter holiday providing some additional customer interest. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 26-Mar-2007

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - March 27, 2007

****AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY****

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - .90
Doves	5.00 - 7.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.70 - .80
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - .90
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - 1.10
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.60 - .70
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .70
Guinea Fowl	8.50 - 10.00
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 3.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.25 - 2.00ea.
Silkies	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Pigeons	3.00 - 3.40ea.
White Pigeons	3.25 - 3.50ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.80 - 2.20
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.50
Bunnies	3.00 - 12.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.50 - 7.50ea.
Goats	55.00 - 65.00ea.
Kid Goats	35.00 - 40.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90 - 1.05
Total Coops Sold	720

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy cannery were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy cannery were generally adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was moderate to at least moderate. Processing schedules were noted as normal. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS HEAVY CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

23-31 MAJORITY 26-28 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS HEAVY CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

24-33.5 MAJORITY 29-31 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 5-12 7-9

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Negotiations were light and TFEWR. Offerings easily covered processing needs. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Disposal costs were expected to remain constant.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were in close balance to adequate while demand was reported as fair to fairly good. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 2-9 2-5.5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-APR-07

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to less than normal with some plants taking some down time in Observance of Good Friday. Sales of finished product was moderate to at least moderate. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was about steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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